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## MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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The United States' Constitution and the Bill of Rights preserve our uniquely American liberties, such as freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, freedom of petition and due process of law, and right to a trial by a jury of our peers.

It is vital that justice for legitimate victims not be delayed due to meritless and frivolous litigation, lawsuits without victims or evidence of any harm, or lawsuits filed purely in the interest of undeserved profit. It is incumbent upon all members of the legal profession and our elected leaders to protect California consumers, businesses and families by seeking sensible reforms which will discourage the filing of frivolous lawsuits, reducing the exorbitant costs of litigation in California, and protecting legitimate victims.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby proclaim the week of October 4-9, 2004 as "Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week" and encourage all citizens to support fundamental reforms to safeguard and improve our civil justice system.

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